

CAN YOU GET THE CHECK, DAGWOOD?
I DON'T HAVE ANY CASH WITH ME

YOU REALLY SHOULD LEAVE A BIGGER TIP THAN THAT, ESPECIALLY DURING THE HOLIDAYS

THAT'S BETTER I'D HATE FOR HIM TO THINK I'M A TIGHTWAD

Coverly

I REALLY COULD USE A NEW SWEATER, SAL.

YOU'RE NOT JUST SAYING THAT? YOU'D BE HAPPY IF I GAVE YOU ONE FOR CHRISTMAS INSTEAD OF SOME MACHO TOY?

SURE, SAL. A SWEATER WOULD BE BOTH THOUGHTFUL AND USEFUL. I'D BE VERY HAPPY.

BESIDES, I'M WAY TOO OLD TO PLAY WITH TONKA TRUCKS.

NOW I KNOW YOU'RE LYING.

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DR. JOE... I CONFESS.
 YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT
 MY BROTHER GEORGE

HE'S IN SOME
 KIND OF TROUBLE,
 HUH?

HE LOST ALL
 HIS MONEY IN
 A REAL ESTATE
 SCAM

NOW HE'S UP
 TO HIS YOU-
 KNOW-WHAT
 IN LEGAL
 BILLS.

DON'T DO ANYTHING CRAZY,
 CRUNCHY! DON'T CLEAN
 OUT YOUR BANK ACCOUNT
 TRYING TO "QUACK FIX"
 GEORGE'S PROBLEMS!

YOU'RE AN
 "ONLY CHILD,"
 AREN'T YOU?

MONTY MEYER

I MUST FIND A WAY TO OUTSMART THE DRAIN MONSTER AGAIN TODAY!

THAT SHOULDN'T BE DIFFICULT...

HOW SMART CAN WE BE, A LOSER WHO HIDES IN DRAINS AND EATS TOES FOR A LIVING??!

NOT EXACTLY A STELLAR RESUME!!

WELL, I GUESS I CAN FORGET ABOUT CONTROLLING HIM WITH FLATTERY!

IF YOU THROW DOWN A TOY DRUM FOR A TEN-YEAR-OLD BOY...

SOME COSTUME JEWELRY FOR A SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD GIRL...

AND A FUR COAT FOR A MATURE WOMAN...

I'LL LEAVE!

I HATE IT WHEN VIKINGS DO THEIR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AT MY CASTLE !!

CHRIS MADDEN

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HEY!

BEAT IT, SCRAM!

GET AWAY!

ATTILA...

WHAT ARE THESE BIRDS ON ME?

THREE FRENCH HENS, TWO TURTLE DOVES AND A PARTRIDGE.

WALLY, ARE YOU FREE FOR LUNCH?

I NEED TO REMIND MYSELF HOW LUCKY I AM THAT I DON'T HAVE YOUR LAZINESS OR PERSONALITY OR LOOKS

WOULD YOU SAY I'M KIND OF A RENAISSANCE LOSER?

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Lady Bird Johnson is 88 Actress
Barbara Billingsley is 18 Actor **Hector Elizondo** is 64
Country singer **Red Steagall** is 63
Baseball hall-of-famer **Steve Carlton** is 56 ABC News correspondent
Diane Sawyer is 55 Rock singer-musician **Rick Nielsen** (Cheap Trick) is 54
Baseball all-star **Steve Garvey** is 52
Singer **Maurice Gibb** is 51 Singer **Robin Gibb** is 51

5. RACK C 6. RACK D 7. RACK E 8. RACK F

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Double Word Score					
A	L	V	M	B	O
Triple Word Score					
T	L	I	A	Y	T
A	U	M	Y	M	R

9. RACK G 10. RACK H 11. RACK I 12. RACK J

Double Word Score					
Triple Word Score					

PAR SCORE 145-155

by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in 1 to 4. Add points of each word using each game's point system. To be correct, all 4 points must be blank words that have no other letters in them. All Judd's words are in the Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (© 1975, 1978, 1983, and 1987 Official Scrabble Words (Chambers) **JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW**

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WORD SLEUTH

Q I E C Z W T Q N Y I E C Z W
U R P M J H E C R R Z X U S Q
N L J T S A F K A E R B G T I
E C Z X V T Y R P P M N L H J
H E R S C A Y A W O V O G G T
R P H U S B A N D L R I O I N
L A P P O I N T M E N T K L E
I G N P E H C B M V H Z X F B
W U S E I V O M M E E T I N G
R P O R W M U L J D I W N G E
D B A Y X S W U T S R E S I R

Thursday's unlisted clue **ITALY**

Appointment	Flight	Meeting	Summer
Bloomer	Hour	News	Supper
Breakfast	Husband	Night	Wife

For solution, see Classified.

For Saturday, Dec 23, 2000

Jan 21 to April 19) You need stimulation in a food or a film from another culture hold a for you

April 20 to May 20) While you feel underappreciated close to you lately a stranger will suddenly charming again

May 21 to June 20) Stop agonizing over your ahead with what you re already doing

June 21 to July 22) Try to remain optimistic in momentary setback

July 23 to Aug 22) Remember that you re not optimum

Aug 23 to Sept 22) As much as you might hate rules this is the time to do it

Sept 23 to Oct 22) Other people are eager to help act out some of your many grand plans

Oct 23 to Nov 21) You ll have to hold people you want to get what you need

Nov 22 to Dec 21) There are many people benefit from what you have to offer

Dec 22 to Jan 19) If a deadline is looming keep a close eye on the clock

Jan 20 to Feb 18) You are about to learn something about your adaptability

Feb 19 to March 20) A lesson in humility might temporarily painful to your pride

By Bobby Wolff

NORTH
 ♠ K Q 9 7
 ♥ 6 5 2
 ♦ -
 ♣ A K 7

12-11 A

and after South	WEST	EAST
drew trumps, he	♠ 4	♠ 5 3 2
cashd dummy's	♥ 5 Q 10	♥ 9 7
club king and ruffed	♦ A J 5	♦ 10 4 3 2
	♣ A 10 9 8	♣ 8 7

a club. With misplaced confidence, he cashed his heart ace and led his heart

Vulnerable North South
Dealer West

The bidding

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Dbl	Pass	4 ♠
All pass			

Opening lead: Heart king

Let's play," answered an observant West. He had noted the absence of the diamond 10 in South's hand. Pressing his advantage, West led a low diamond to East's 10 and South's queen, and South's claim boom-

eranged. He had to lose two diamonds to West's A-J, and the game fell one short. Would West have under-
led his diamond ace without South's claim? Perhaps. A
good defender would know South had three diamonds.
However, after South had exposed his hand, even a

However, after South had exposed his hand even a poor defender would have succeeded, and South deserved to lose his game.

No. 1110

1 Across	34 Field marshal	56 Space-saving device
1 Terrific, once	35 Quavers, e.g.	57 Snack food treat
16 With insufficient qualifications	36 "Coastal Disturbances" playwright	DOWN
17 Easter song popularised by Gene Autry	37 It's surrounded by cushions	1 I am one's spirit?
18 Blinker	38 Before all is done	2 Military helicopter, informally
19 Places for masks, in brief	40 Distinctive quality	3 Suffix with diek
20 Mare	41 A tunnel, maybe	4 Country music's David Allan
21 Skedaddle	42 King David player, 1985	5 Hottentots, e.g.
22 Reckon (on)	43 Memorable	6 Improvisationalike composition
23 Grape variety	44 Florida hurricane	7 It tapers on a tapir
26 Unique	44 European capital	8 Licks say
27 Plane with a tipped nose	47 Charles de Gaulle's jet	9 Presidential initials
30 Books printed before 1501	48 Kind of relier	10 Classic 1983 Randy Newman song
32 The Beatles' "Lovely ____"	51 1950's song hit with a foreign-language title	11 Dotty
33 Drives the point home		12 Scept of

CAGY ARBY SAHIB
AGUE HOLE PLATO
PTBANCUES LOYAL
ENTREATS KINDLE
GÖNER TAUTEN
DOS DDS SET
NOWAY TODO SIZE
ARON TRUSS AKIN
VERY RIOTO ATHOS
YON QED NFL
PAUSED EAGER
RAINES RELIEVES
AGENA TIMONTIED
MACES REIN ATKKA
PREXY IDLY TASK

Planted by David Heston

20 Smack	44 Lead role in "A	47 Unpopular sort
31 What sauerkraut	Chorus Line"	48 Galoot

32 Florestan's jailer in "Fidelio"	45 Guthrie who sang "The City of New Orleans"	49 Grace period?
35 Decoration for a	46 point	50 Puppeteer Tony
		52 Parties

bull maybe
37 lcs

49 point
(certain sluch)

53 Clear

39 Bird that Alcatraz was named for

42 Meal from a mill Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years. 1-888 7 ACROSS